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Commissioner

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Michael J. Cragun was sworn in Monday as Utah's newest Tax Commissioner. Lt. Gov. Gregory Bell administered the oath of office.

Commissioner Cragun was appointed by Governor Gary R. Herbert and confirmed by the Utah State Senate in November. He fills the seat vacated by Pam Hendrickson who served on the four-member Commission since 1997.

He served as Governor Herbert's deputy chief of staff, during Gov. Herbert's time as Lt. Governor of the State of Utah, and was also a former Davis County Commissioner.

"The citizens of Utah will be well-served by having Michael as a Commissioner. His experience in state and local government, along with his discerning legal mind, will make him an excellent addition to the Tax Commission," the Governor said.

He has a juris doctorate from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., and an undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University.

Tax commissioners are responsible for ruling on tax appeals, supervising and administering the State's tax laws, and promulgating rules. Other tax commissioners include Chair R. Bruce Johnson, Marc Johnson and D'Arcy Dixon Pignanelli.

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Photo Cutline



Lt. Gov. Gregory Bell administers the oath of office to newly appointed State Tax Commissioner Michael J. Cragun with his wife, Heather, at his side.